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1. (Secret - GLC) Left with Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, a memorandum from Mr. John Clarke responding to a question raised by Senator Young at the Director's briefing of the Senate Appropriations Intelligence Operations Subcommittee on the community budget last Friday.

2. (Confidential - GLC) Representative Gilbert Gude (R., Md.) was unable to make our scheduled appointment and in his absence I talked with Miss Barbara Bingley of his staff about a personnel case in which the Congressman has expressed interest. See Memorandum for the Record.

3. (Unclassified - GLC) Accompanied Mr. [ ] of the DDS staff, on a visit with Mr. Sam Goldberg, in the office of Senator Charles McC. Mathias (R., Md.), on a matter in which Goldberg had requested our assistance.

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4. (Confidential - GLC) Met briefly with Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, who complained about a lack of coordination by the White House in handling action on the State Authorization bill (S. 3526). I mentioned to Braswell that Senator Bellmon had introduced two amendments along the lines which we had suggested regarding the 10 percent personnel cut which would be imposed by section 504(a) of S. 3526 except that Bellmon's amendment would provide specific exemption for Agriculture rather than CIA. I mentioned that if a number of departments and agencies were seeking similar exemptions there would be merit in combining their efforts in an attempt to defeat section 504(a) entirely. Braswell seemed interested in this possibility.

5. (Unclassified - LLM) In response to an earlier request from Judy, in the office of Senator Gaylord Nelson (D., Wis.), I called his Executive Assistant, Warren Sawall, to determine if the Senator himself has a need for a copy of the China Atlas, explaining that our supply was depleted but that if the Senator cannot wait for the GPO publication we would try to locate a copy for him. Later, Mr. Sawall confirmed the Senator's direct, immediate interest.

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7. (Internal Use Only - PLC) A suggested reply to a letter from a constituent was discussed with Miss Jane Hardy, staff member in the office of Senator Edward Gurney (R., Fla.). The constituent sought assistance in securing the proceeds of a life insurance policy for a Cuban who was executed by Castro as a CIA spy. The reply related the results of Senator Gurney's inquiries that no such policy was ever undertaken by the United States Government. Miss Hardy readily understood and stated she had been quite certain that any such policy was probably taken out with a private company. She had so advised the constituent in an interim reply and would confirm this finding.

8. (Internal Use Only - RJK) Delivered to the offices of Senators Alan Cranston (D., Calif.), George S. McGovern (D., S. Dak.), Hugh Scott (R., Pa.), Mike Mansfield (D., Mont.), and Mike Gravel (D., Alaska) FBIS items in which their names were mentioned.

9. (Unclassified - LLM) Mr. [ ] Office of Personnel, advised that Andy Ruddock, Civil Service Commission, had been called by Bill Holt, Administrative Assistant to Representative Samuel Stratton (D., N. Y.), concerning precedent to be used in establishing an early retirement program for the faculty at the Naval Academy and the discussion covered the Agency's retirement system and authority for our retirement age policy. [ ] suggested that we get Holt off Ruddock's back. I called Holt and apparently satisfied his interest by providing him with a citation to the CIA Retirement Act and suggesting that he look to the Foreign Service Retirement Act and, for some conceptual material, the Senate Committee Print of the Cabinet Committee Report on Retirement, 90th Congress.

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10. (Internal Use Only - LLM) Spoke with Charles Ablard and Eugene Kopp, USIA, concerning their additions to our proposed draft floor statement on section 205 (dissemination of information) of S. 3526, and suggested several changes which Ablard accepted. USIA is interpreting section 205 as not requiring attribution on material disseminated by a foreign party.

Mr. Ablard said that Senator Howard Baker (R., Tenn.) has been lined up as a possible spokesman for the Administration's position on section 205 and that Ablard will be seeking an appointment with Senator Baker for Mr. Maury and himself. In response to my question, Ablard said that Korologos, Deputy Assistant to the President, is apparently no longer involved and that Marshall Wright, of State, is calling the shots.

In response to my question, Mr. Kopp said that Senator Henry Bellmon's (R., Okla.) amendments to section 504, Personnel Reductions, was prompted by his interest in the Department of Agriculture, and agreed that similar moves on behalf of other agencies would probably lead to the deletion of section 504.

11. (Internal Use Only - JGO) Delivered to Representatives Floyd Spence (R., S.C.) and C. W. Bill Young (R., Fla.) copies of selected items from the FBIS Asia and Pacific Report (yellow book) concerning use of quotes of statements by prominent Americans to illustrate American public support for North Vietnam policies. Any use made of these items will be made without attribution to the Agency. Both offices requested that they be placed on subscription for the yellow book. [redacted] FBIS, has been advised. 25X1

12. (Secret - JGO) Met with Mr. Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, and confirmed with him the meeting for Monday, 15 April, at 10:00 a.m. with Mr. Duckett, DDS&T, as a followon to the budget briefing provided at Headquarters on Friday, 5 May 1972. Mr. Preston told me that the Director's meeting with the special group for briefing on the community budget for 1 June is now as firm as it can be. It is Mr. Preston's opinion that the Chairman is so pressed for time that he probably will not be calling a special group briefing on Vietnam unless something major occurs to necessitate a meeting with the Director.

I briefed Mr. Preston on the following items: Chinese surface naval force equipment; Soviet SA-3 missiles [redacted] 25X1  
[redacted] and satellite communications; and the current situation in Vietnam.

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13. (Secret - JGO) Met with Mr. Frank Slatinshek, House Armed Services Committee staff, whose appointment as Chief Counsel of the Committee was announced yesterday by the Chairman, and discussed briefly with him the handling of transcripts taken by the Committee of Agency testimony during the last week or so. Mr. Slatinshek reiterated that Chairman Hebert wants a copy of all transcripts available in the Committee for review. So far, in the more than a year since the Chairman first announced this policy to the members of the House, no requests have been received. Nonetheless, Mr. Slatinshek noted once again that whenever a response to a question or statement by the Director or an Agency witness should not be retained in the record, the Director or Agency witness should go off-the-record. I thanked Mr. Slatinshek for the advice.

14. (Secret - JGO) Accompanied Mr. George Carver, SAVA, to a meeting with Senator Thomas F. Eagleton (D., Mo.) and two of his senior assistants, Messrs. Douglas J. Bennet and Bryan Atwood. Mr. Carver updated the information provided earlier on the situation in Vietnam. Although the meeting was interrupted by Senate roll calls, Mr. Carver was able to follow his own format pretty much without interruption. The only questions raised related to detail on matters stated by Mr. Carver. There was no suggestion of any intelligence failure in any of the questions. There are no followups from the meeting. The Senator appeared very satisfied and was generous in his remarks to Mr. Carver about the briefing.

15. (Confidential - JMM) Met with Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, whom I showed a couple of briefing papers and to whom I described the Soviet reaction to the President's announcement regarding Indochina. I covered somewhat the same ground with John Goldsmith, of the Committee staff. Neither Goldsmith nor Braswell had encountered any serious complaints about "intelligence failures" in connection with the current North Vietnam offensive.

16. (Confidential - JMM) Met with Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, whom I briefed on recent developments regarding Indochina. He assured me that he was aware of no significant complaints about "intelligence failures," adding that he distinctly recalled Agency briefings which had pointed out communist preparations for a main force offensive.

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17. (Confidential - JMM) Met with Representative Frank Bow (R., Ohio) who said that the picture and briefing paper which the Director had recently sent him were exactly what he wanted and he was most grateful for them. He reflected on his long experience in the House and expressed high regard for Representative Cederberg (R., Mich.) who will succeed him as ranking minority member of the Appropriations Committee.

I briefed Bow on the present Indochina situation and the Soviet reaction to the President's announcement, and recalled for him our intelligence forecasts regarding the recent communist offensive, which he said he clearly recalled himself. Bow said his mail was running strongly in support of the President's position on Indochina.

18. (Confidential - JMM) Lunched with Senator Charles Percy (R., Ill.) and Scott Cohen, of his staff, and discussed the Indochina situation. Percy asked a number of questions regarding the effectiveness of the mines and U.S. contingency plans for coping with communist attempts to continue to use the port of Haiphong, which I said were not the Agency's responsibility. I did try to answer a number of his questions regarding a communist logistical buildup and the performance to date of the ARVN. I reviewed our forecasts predicting the current offensive. Percy said he was not aware of any serious criticisms of the Agency in this regard. He remarked that his mail was running strongly against the President's recent action, and observed that Mayor Dailey's criticism of the President's Indochina policy was a "very significant straw in the wind."

19. (Internal Use Only - JMM) Arranged with Representative Joel Broyhill (R., Va.) to escort him on a tour of OTR facilities in the Chamber of Commerce building in Arlington tomorrow at 11:30.

20. (Unclassified - JMM) Robert Blum, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, who has been reviewing the background of our Indochina involvement, called to inquire about access to OSS files. [redacted] referred him to the appropriate address and telephone number.

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